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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the **Claims** as pending are included beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.